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TAGS: SNAR, MX  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

REF: STATE 83084

1. WE RECALL NO RPT NO OCCASION IN PAST 18 MONTHS IN WHICH  
AMBASSADOR OR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR VETOED A PROPOSED DEA  
OPERATION IN MEXICO. ON THE CONTRARY, AMBASSADOR HAS GONE  
TO BAT FOR DEA REPEATEDLY, MOST RECENTLY BY SENDING PER-  
SONAL LETTERS TO MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL URGING ACTION ON  
A SPECIFIC INVESTIGATION (CASE OF ANTHONY CRUZ-VASQUEZ),  
THE HEROIN SIGNATURE PROGRAM, AND JANUS PROSECUTIONS.  
STATE OFFICERS IN THE NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE UNIT (NAU) USED  
THEIR MEXICAN CONTACTS TO HELP DEA ESTABLISH A NARCOTICS  
INTELLIGENCE LIAISON SYSTEM, PRECIPITATED A MEETING OF ALL  
MEXICAN NARCOTICS ZONE COORDINATORS AND THEN ARRANGED FOR  
DEA TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE, AND HAVE INTRODUCED SEVERAL  
SOURCES OF ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION TO DEA AGENTS.

2. ONLY AREA IN WHICH DEA MIGHT ATTACK MISSION SUPPORT  
INVOLVES RECENT REMOVAL OF DEA OBSERVERS IN GOM ERADICATION  
CAMPAIGN. DEPARTMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF AND CONCURRED IN  
COURSE OF ACTION WE FOLLOWED IN THIS CASE.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE DISTURBED BY COMMENTS MADE  
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BY CONGRESSMAN GILMAN TO SENIOR ADVISER FALCO DURING  
HEARINGS ON MARCH 22, AS EVIDENCED BY DRAFT TRANSCRIPT  
FALCO LEFT WITH EMBASSY LAST WEEK. GILMAN SEEMED OBSESSED  
WITH THE NEED TO HAVE "OUR PEOPLE", WHICH HE DEFINED AS  
"KNOWLEDGEABLE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL", IN THE FIELD  
TO ASCERTAIN THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE IS PROPERLY UTILIZED.  
HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT "IF THE DEA OFFICERS ARE NOT PER-

MITTED TO GO ON THESE FLIGHTS, HOW ARE THE DEA PERSONNEL  
ABLE TO TELL US WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE ERADICATION  
PROGRAM, EXCEPT BY READING THE NEWSPAPERS?"

4. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE NAU, WHICH HAS TAKEN OVER  
REPORTING ON THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, ARE AS MUCH  
"OUR PEOPLE" AS WERE THE DEA SPOTTERS. INDEED, THEY ARE  
MORE "OUR PEOPLE" SINCE THEY WORK AT THIS TASK FULL  
TIME AND NOT FOR TWO DISTINCT 90-DAY PERIODS. WE  
SERIOUSLY QUESTION WHETHER A LAW ENFORCEMENT BACKGROUND  
HAS ANY RELATIONSHIP WHATSOEVER TO THE ERADICATION  
CAMPAIGN, SINCE THE QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED IS WHETHER  
THE MEXICANS ARE FINDING AND DESTROYING ILLICIT CROPS,  
AN AREA IN WHICH NO RPT NO U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
HAS ANY EXPERIENCE OTHER THAN WHAT IT MAY HAVE ACQUIRED  
FROM THE MEXICANS.

5. GILMAN DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE A VALID POINT IN ASKING  
HOW DEA CAN TELL HIM WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE ERADICA-  
TION CAMPAIGN IF ITS PEOPLE ARE NOT THERE. IT WOULD  
APPEAR THAT HE IS GOING TO THE WRONG SOURCE AND THE  
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT HE ADDRESS QUES-  
TIONS OF THIS NATURE TO STATE, NOT DEA. SINCE STATE  
ADMINISTERS THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR ASSISTANCE TO  
THE GOM ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, AND SINCE STATE IN EFFECT  
USED THESE FUNDS TO PURCHASE MONITORING SERVICES FROM  
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DEA, THE ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT  
MONITORING ACTIVITIES IS THAT STATE HAS TERMINATED  
DEA'S CONTRACT TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE, OPTING INSTEAD  
TO PERFORM THE SERVICE IN-HOUSE, BOTH TO  
ACCOMMODATE A REQUEST FROM THE MEXICANS AND TO EFFECT  
CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS TO THE U.S.G. LUCEY

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